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TAGS: CASC (WILSON JAMES WILLIAM), TO

SUBJ: RELEASE OF DETAINED AMERICAN

REF: STATE 209217

1. EVENING AUGUST 23 CONSOFF WAS SUMMONED TO GENDARMERIE CAMP AND TOLD MINISTER OF JUSTICE WILLING TO RELEASE WILSON IF CONSOFF WOULD PERSONALLY GUARANTEE WILSON WOULD NOT LEAVE TOGO BEFORE ENTIRE TOGOLESE DETERGENT COMPANY (SODETO) INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CLOSED. CONSOFF DECLINED GIVE HIS PERSONAL GUARANTEE, BUT SUGGESTED WILSON COULD BE REQUIRED TO VISIT GENDARMERIE CAMP DAILY TO ESTABLISH HIS CONTINUED PRESENCE IN LOME. GENDARMERIE ACCEPTED THIS SUGGESTION AND RELEASED WILSON FROM CUSTODY ON LATTER'S PROMISE HE WOULD PAY 1.2 MILLION CFA (ABOUT \$4,800) TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT CLAIMS WILSON OWES SODETO.

2. WILSON BELIEVES HE WILL HAVE NO MORE TROUBLE WITH TOGOLESE AUTHORITIES OVER EMBEZZLEMENT AND MISMANAGEMENT ACCUSATIONS. HE NOTES MINISTER OF PLANNING KOUDJOLOU DOGO HAS ASKED WILSON TO REMAIN WITH SODETO AS ITS TECHNICAL ADVISOR SO AS TO ASSURE CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUCCESS OF SODETO OPERATION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. PLEASE INFORM WILSON'S SISTER AND INTERESTED CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES OF WILSON'S RELEASE AND CONVEY TO THEM HIS THANKS FOR THEIR INTEREST IN HIS CASE.
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